

Southern WV Safety Alert



Recently an employee was performing work (mucking) at the bottom of the intake airshaft when a piece of concrete fell and struck him on the back portion of his hard hat. The fallen concrete measured 12 inches long, 8 inches wide, and 2 inches thick and fell from an I beam located 54 feet above the bottom of the shaft. The impact of the falling concrete caused the hard hat liner to break and cut the back of the employees' head.



Preventive Practices:

- ✓ Adequate work place examinations must be conducted to identify hazards.
- ✓ Loose or dangerous material which creates a falling material hazard shall be corrected or barricaded to prevent exposure to the hazard.
- ✓ A safe means of access shall be provided and maintained to all working places.
- ✓ Work areas should be kept clear of spillage or debris to ensure safe workplaces.



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